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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON US-EC RELATIONS

1. IN BRIEF PRESS COMMENT ON MARCH 18, FOREIGN MINISTER THORN IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT HE HOPES THAT EUROPEANS AND AMERICANS ALIKE WILL AVOID POLEMICS IN DISCUSSING THEIR DIFFERENCES OF OPINION. HE ADDED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY KISSINGER MAY HAVE OVERSTATED THEIR CASE RECENTLY, BUT THAT CERTAIN (UNIDENTIFIED) EUROPEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD NEEDLESSLY PROVOKED THE US DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. THORN CONCLUDED, "I REFUSE TO HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN EUROPE AND NATO, AND WHEN I SAY EUROPE AND NATO I CONSIDER THAT EUROPE IS ONE OF THE PILLARS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE".

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2. WHEN ASKED WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT UK RENEGOTIATION OF THE TERMS OF ITS EC ENTRY, THORN REPLIED, "THE TREATY CANNOT BE BROUGHT INTO QUESTION AFTER A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT". IN EXPLAINING HIS OPPOSITION TO ANY RENEGOTIATION, THORN ADDED THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE EC SHOULD TRY TO RESOLVE ITS ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, POLITICAL OR FINANCIAL PROBLEMS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EC AND IN A COMMUNITY SPIRIT. FARKAS

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